

Appendix Tables

Appendix table 1—Nonmetro population trends by county status and wage level, 1990-95 and 1995-99

Item	Counties	Declining		Population			Change		Net migration		Net migration rate	
		1990-95	1995-99	1990	1995	1999	1990-95	1995-99	1990-95	1995-99	1990-95	1995-99
	Number	Percent		Thousands			Percent		Thousands		Percent	
All nonmetro	2,290	25.9	37.3	50,906	53,419	54,780	4.9	2.5	1,480	758	2.9	1.4
Not low wage	1,827	21.9	34.9	46,497	48,818	50,071	5.0	2.6	1,339	676	2.9	1.4
Low wage	463	41.5	47.1	4,409	4,601	4,709	4.4	2.3	141	82	3.2	1.8
By adjacency status:												
Nonadjacent	1,301	33.5	48.3	22,835	23,796	24,152	4.2	1.5	490	88	2.1	.4
Not low wage	964	28.2	46.0	20,125	20,998	21,312	4.3	1.5	424	54	2.1	.3
Low wage	337	48.7	54.9	2,710	2,799	2,839	3.3	1.5	66	34	2.4	1.2
All adjacent	989	15.8	23.0	28,070	29,622	30,628	5.5	3.4	990	670	3.5	2.3
Not low wage	863	14.8	22.5	26,372	27,820	28,759	5.5	3.4	915	621	3.5	2.2
Low wage	126	22.2	26.2	1,698	1,802	1,870	6.1	3.7	75	48	4.4	2.7
Adjacent to large metro	184	10.3	12.5	6,008	6,433	6,744	7.1	4.8	285	221	4.7	3.4
Not low wage	167	10.2	12.0	5,828	6,242	6,542	7.1	4.8	275	210	4.7	3.4
Low wage	17	11.8	17.6	179	191	202	6.4	5.8	11	11	5.9	5.7
Adjacent to small metro	805	17.0	25.3	22,063	23,189	23,884	5.1	3.0	705	449	3.2	1.9
Not low wage	696	15.9	25.0	20,544	21,578	22,217	5.0	3.0	640	411	3.1	1.9
Low wage	109	23.9	27.5	1,519	1,611	1,667	6.1	3.5	64	38	4.2	2.3
By county type:												
Farming	556	50.9	58.6	4,650	4,795	4,854	3.1	1.2	71	15	1.5	.3
Not low wage	334	44.3	53.0	3,297	3,425	3,484	3.9	1.7	61	16	1.9	.5
Low wage	222	60.8	67.1	1,353	1,370	1,370	1.2	.0	10	-1	.7	-1
Mining	146	37.0	52.7	2,847	2,914	2,917	2.4	.1	3	-35	.1	-1.2
Not low wage	131	35.1	52.7	2,753	2,817	2,819	2.3	.0	0	-36	.0	-1.3
Low wage	15	53.3	53.3	94	97	98	3.4	1.3	3	1	3.0	1.4
Manufacturing	506	12.3	25.1	15,771	16,457	16,870	4.4	2.5	376	225	2.4	1.4
Not low wage	480	12.3	25.4	15,449	16,116	16,515	4.3	2.5	362	213	2.3	1.3
Low wage	26	11.5	19.2	322	341	356	6.1	4.3	15	12	4.5	3.4
Government	253	15.0	31.6	6,573	6,917	7,083	5.2	2.4	102	16	1.6	.2
Not low wage	200	14.5	33.0	5,849	6,135	6,277	4.9	2.3	70	9	1.2	.1
Low wage	53	17.0	26.4	723	782	806	8.1	3.1	32	7	4.5	.9
Services	323	18.0	32.2	9,594	10,284	10,654	7.2	3.6	522	281	5.4	2.7
Not low wage	263	16.3	32.3	8,731	9,368	9,702	7.3	3.6	477	249	5.5	2.7
Low wage	60	25.0	31.7	863	916	952	6.2	4.0	44	32	5.2	3.4
Unspecialized	485	19.6	26.8	11,106	11,671	12,018	5.1	3.0	396	254	3.6	2.2
Not low wage	399	18.3	26.8	10,064	10,589	10,906	5.2	3.0	361	224	3.6	2.1
Low wage	86	25.6	26.7	1,042	1,081	1,111	3.8	2.8	36	30	3.4	2.8
Retirement	190	.5	3.7	5,206	5,919	6,386	13.7	7.9	631	425	12.1	7.2
Not low wage	150	.0	4.0	4,678	5,327	5,747	13.9	7.9	571	381	12.2	7.1
Low wage	40	2.5	2.5	528	592	639	12.3	7.8	60	44	11.4	7.5
Persistent poverty	539	27.1	37.3	9,568	9,956	10,158	4.1	2.0	129	40	1.4	.4
Not low wage	384	24.2	37.2	7,935	8,251	8,413	4.0	2.0	91	22	1.2	.3
Low wage	155	34.2	37.4	1,633	1,705	1,745	4.4	2.3	38	19	2.3	1.1
Commuting	381	11.5	11.5	6,049	6,460	6,796	6.8	5.2	299	268	4.9	4.1
Not low wage	282	11.0	11.0	4,992	5,336	5,618	6.9	5.3	246	221	4.9	4.1
Low wage	99	13.1	13.1	1,057	1,124	1,178	6.3	4.8	54	47	5.1	4.2
Transfers dependent	385	25.7	36.4	6,660	6,971	7,106	4.7	1.9	226	97	3.4	1.4
Not low wage	260	23.8	38.5	5,276	5,510	5,603	4.4	1.7	167	64	3.2	1.2
Low wage	125	29.6	32.0	1,384	1,462	1,503	5.6	2.8	59	33	4.3	2.2
Recreation	282	7.1	20.2	7,722	8,457	8,859	9.5	4.7	559	310	7.2	3.7
Not low wage	213	5.6	21.1	6,969	7,634	7,990	9.5	4.7	498	270	7.1	3.5
Low wage	69	11.6	17.4	752	824	868	9.5	5.4	61	40	8.1	4.9

Notes: Adjacency is defined by the urban influence codes, Ghelfi and Parker, *A County Level Measure of Urban Influence*, ERS staff paper AGES-9702, Feb. 1997. County types are not mutually exclusive, except that farming, mining, manufacturing, government, services, and unspecialized county types are exclusive of one another. Recreation counties are defined by Johnson and Beale in *Rural Conditions and Trends*, Vol. 5, No. 1, Spring 1994. All other types are defined in Cook and Mizer, *The Revised Economic Research Service County Typology: An Overview*, RDRR-89, Economic Research Service, 1994.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Bureau of the Census.

Appendix table 2—Metro labor force and employment, seasonally adjusted, first quarter 1990 through fourth quarter 1999

Year/quarter		Labor force	Employed	Labor force growth	Employment growth
		Thousands		Percent	
1999	4th	114,122	109,799	1.0	1.5
	3rd	113,847	109,391	1.1	1.4
	2nd	113,535	109,024	1.2	1.5
	1st	113,195	108,624	2.2	2.6
1998	4th	112,570	107,941	2.4	3.0
	3rd	111,916	107,151	2.1	2.2
	2nd	111,341	106,576	1.3	1.9
	1st	110,976	106,080	.7	1.2
1997	4th	110,777	105,765	.9	1.5
	3rd	110,521	105,383	1.7	2.1
	2nd	110,064	104,845	1.8	2.4
	1st	109,581	104,225	2.1	2.5
1996	4th	109,024	103,594	2.3	2.7
	3rd	108,405	102,913	1.7	2.3
	2nd	107,945	102,320	1.5	2.1
	1st	107,549	101,798	.6	.8
1995	4th	107,382	101,594	1.4	1.6
	3rd	107,005	101,203	1.3	1.4
	2nd	106,650	100,845	1.3	1.1
	1st	106,311	100,559	1.3	1.9
1994	4th	105,974	100,086	.5	1.9
	3rd	105,830	99,627	1.2	2.2
	2nd	105,504	99,096	1.4	2.5
	1st	104,131	98,481	1.2	2.3
1993	4th	104,822	97,924	1.5	2.1
	3rd	104,426	97,406	1.2	1.8
	2nd	104,106	96,962	1.2	1.5
	1st	103,798	96,607	-.1	1.4
1992	4th	103,835	96,279	.4	1.2
	3rd	103,729	95,987	1.1	.8
	2nd	103,458	95,787	1.6	.8
	1st	103,055	95,609	2.9	1.1
1991	4th	102,310	95,357	1.3	.2
	3rd	101,977	95,300	.1	-.1
	2nd	101,964	95,332	.3	-1.0
	1st	101,884	95,565	.1	-1.8
1990	4th	101,853	96,008	.0	1.7
	3rd	101,863	96,427	.6	-6
	2nd	101,714	96,568	.4	.0
	1st	101,618	96,565	NA	NA

NA = Not available.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from Bureau of Labor Statistics' Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

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Appendix table 3—Nonmetro labor force and employment, seasonally adjusted, first quarter 1990 through fourth quarter 1999

Year/quarter		Labor force	Employed	Labor force growth	Employment growth
		Thousands		Percent	
1999	4th	26,387	25,108	.3	1.1
	3rd	26,365	25,040	0	.5
	2nd	26,365	25,006	-.5	-.1
	1st	26,400	25,012	1.1	1.7
1998	4th	26,331	24,909	2.8	3.3
	3rd	26,147	24,705	2.2	2.3
	2nd	26,006	24,564	0.7	1.4
	1st	25,959	24,477	-1.2	-.9
1997	4th	26,038	24,531	-.7	-.3
	3rd	26,087	24,549	.3	.6
	2nd	26,066	24,515	.5	1.5
	1st	26,031	24,427	.7	1.3
1996	4th	25,984	24,349	.7	1.2
	3rd	25,936	24,278	.5	1.0
	2nd	25,906	24,219	1.2	1.3
	1st	25,830	24,138	.8	.5
1995	4th	25,778	24,110	.9	.7
	3rd	25,720	24,066	1.0	.4
	2nd	25,659	24,039	1.1	.5
	1st	25,588	24,010	1.3	1.9
1994	4th	25,504	23,896	1.6	2.7
	3rd	25,405	23,740	2.1	2.9
	2nd	25,276	23,570	1.9	3.1
	1st	25,155	23,392	1.7	2.8
1993	4th	25,050	23,228	1.7	2.6
	3rd	24,944	23,078	1.9	2.7
	2nd	24,827	22,923	2.3	1.9
	1st	24,689	22,814	.3	1.8
1992	4th	24,673	22,711	0	1.3
	3rd	24,676	22,639	1.9	1.9
	2nd	24,559	22,530	2.3	1.9
	1st	24,419	22,424	4.3	2.7
1991	4th	24,164	22,276	1.4	.5
	3rd	24,080	22,246	1.0	-1.0
	2nd	24,022	22,173	1.4	-.4
	1st	23,941	22,143	.9	-.5
1990	4th	23,886	22,198	1.7	-1.0
	3rd	23,783	22,221	.8	-.4
	2nd	23,738	22,247	.3	.3
	1st	23,719	22,233	NA	NA

NA = Not available.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from Bureau of Labor Statistics' Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Appendix table 4—Nonmetro employment and unemployment, low-wage counties and other nonmetro counties, 1985-99

Year	Employment			Unemployment		
	Low-wage counties	Other nonmetro counties	Nonmetro total	Low-wage counties	Other nonmetro counties	Nonmetro total
Thousands						
1985	1,771.5	19,057.0	20,828.5	194.0	1,926.1	2,120.1
1986	1,764.3	19,204.5	20,968.7	198.5	1,916.7	2,115.2
1987	1,783.0	19,524.2	21,307.2	176.7	1,668.5	1,845.2
1988	1,810.0	19,977.7	21,787.7	156.3	1,469.4	1,625.7
1989	1,838.3	20,404.3	22,242.5	145.0	1,392.0	1,537.0
1990	1,831.5	20,393.3	22,224.9	139.9	1,412.8	1,552.7
1991	1,835.7	20,373.7	22,209.4	159.3	1,681.6	1,841.0
1992	1,867.5	20,709.2	22,576.7	171.9	1,834.7	2,006.6
1993	1,898.7	21,113.1	23,011.8	166.9	1,701.4	1,868.3
1994	1,961.5	21,689.6	23,651.2	154.7	1,535.9	1,690.6
1995	1,996.5	22,060.4	24,056.8	153.3	1,474.9	1,628.3
1996	2,003.3	22,240.1	24,243.4	159.7	1,509.2	1,668.9
1997	2,012.8	22,493.3	24,506.1	148.1	1,404.5	1,552.6
1998	2,016.1	22,648.3	24,664.5	140.4	1,308.8	1,449.1
1999	2,041.1	23,000.4	25,041.5	125.6	1,214.9	1,340.6

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from Bureau of Labor Statistics' Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

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Appendix table 5—Demographic and earnings characteristics of hired farmworkers, annual averages, 1990-99

Characteristics	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Thousands										
Number of workers	886	884	848	803	793	849	906	889	875	840
Percent										
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Sex:										
Male	82.9	82.4	83.8	84.7	83.7	84.5	84.2	83.3	83.8	80.7
Female	17.1	17.6	16.2	15.3	16.3	15.5	15.8	16.7	16.2	19.3
Racial/ethnic group:										
White	61.0	60.3	59.7	57.5	51.3	53.5	58.9	52.4	52.4	50.6
Hispanic	29.4	28.3	30.7	33.6	41.3	41.1	36.0	41.0	41.8	43.0
Black and other	9.6	11.4	9.6	8.9	7.4	5.3	5.1	6.6	5.8	6.4
Age (years):										
Less than 25	31.5	25.0	24.7	27.2	28.0	30.1	27.9	30.7	28.4	30.4
25-44	47.6	51.6	52.6	51.1	48.8	44.2	46.0	45.6	46.7	44.0
45-59	14.4	15.1	16.3	16.2	17.2	18.2	19.1	17.1	17.8	18.8
60 and older	6.5	8.3	6.4	5.5	6.0	7.5	7.0	6.6	7.1	6.8
Marital status:										
Married	53.3	53.4	53.5	51.8	58.5	58.5	56.3	52.1	51.9	55.5
Widowed, divorced, or separated	8.9	11.2	10.1	9.5	8.7	7.5	8.1	8.4	9.3	6.9
Never married	37.8	35.4	36.4	38.6	32.8	34.0	35.6	39.5	38.8	37.6
Schooling completed: ¹										
0-4 years	11.1	11.5	14.1	16.4	13.4	14.2	13.1	12.2	10.9	11.3
5-8 years	21.6	21.2	16.0	17.4	22.9	22.5	19.9	22.1	21.1	22.6
9-11 years	22.8	22.6	27.0	21.8	22.7	22.7	24.2	24.8	24.9	20.7
12 years	31.4	31.0	26.9	27.0	25.9	25.9	25.4	22.3	26.5	27.1
13 years or more	13.1	13.7	16.0	17.4	15.6	14.7	17.4	18.6	16.6	18.3
Census region:										
Northeast	6.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	7.1	7.2	6.4	7.4	6.8
South	35.6	37.1	37.8	37.5	39.4	32.3	30.9	32.1	31.4	32.9
Midwest	24.1	23.3	23.7	21.4	18.4	20.0	23.9	19.8	19.1	19.6
West	33.4	33.5	32.4	35.0	36.2	40.6	38.0	41.7	42.2	40.7
Dollars										
Median weekly earnings: ²										
Full-time workers ³	306	296	285	288	281	284	297	286	294	320
All workers	255	257	242	254	268	262	265	260	266	280

Note: Data for 1994 and later years are not directly comparable with data for 1993 and earlier years.

¹Educational attainment levels, beginning January 1992, were revised to reflect degrees or diplomas received rather than years of school completed.

²Median earnings are in 1999 dollars.

³Full-time workers usually work 35 or more hours per week.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Current Population Survey earnings microdata file.

Appendix table 6—Demographic and earnings characteristics of all wage and salary workers, annual averages, 1990-99

Characteristics	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Thousands										
Number of workers	104,351	103,166	104,054	105,407	108,166	110,220	112,142	114,697	116,882	119,130
Percent										
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Sex:										
Male	52.7	52.5	52.2	52.1	52.4	52.4	52.2	52.2	52.2	52.0
Female	47.3	47.5	47.8	47.9	47.6	47.6	47.8	47.8	47.8	48.0
Racial/ethnic group:										
White	78.3	78.1	77.9	77.7	76.3	76.2	75.0	74.0	73.4	73.1
Hispanic	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.2	9.3	9.5	9.7	10.4	10.6	10.8
Black and other	13.8	13.9	14.1	14.1	14.4	14.3	15.3	15.6	16.0	16.1
Age (years):										
Less than 25	15.8	17.2	16.7	16.6	17.1	16.8	16.2	16.4	16.7	16.8
25-44	56.5	55.4	55.2	54.7	54.3	53.9	53.8	53.0	52.1	51.2
45-59	21.8	21.7	22.5	23.2	23.4	24.0	24.7	25.4	25.9	26.6
60 and older	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.4
Marital status:										
Married	58.2	58.5	58.3	58.2	57.9	58.0	58.0	57.0	56.4	56.2
Widowed, divorced, or separated	14.3	14.3	15.4	14.6	14.5	14.4	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.6
Never married	27.5	27.2	27.2	27.1	27.6	27.6	27.5	28.4	28.9	29.2
Schooling completed: ¹										
0-4 years	1.0	.9	.9	.8	.8	.8	.7	.8	.8	.7
5-8 years	4.0	3.7	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
9-11 years	10.8	10.2	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.7	10.0	10.2	9.9
12 years	39.4	39.2	35.0	34.4	33.3	32.7	32.4	32.4	31.8	31.6
13 years or more	44.8	46.0	51.0	52.2	53.6	54.3	54.4	54.0	54.5	55.1
1999 dollars										
Median weekly earnings:										
Full-time workers ²	515	522	522	523	540	525	511	519	531	550
All workers	459	450	449	461	450	437	440	448	466	479

Note: Data for 1994 and later years are not directly comparable with data for 1993 and earlier years.

¹Educational attainment levels, beginning January 1992, were revised to reflect degrees or diplomas received rather than years of school completed.

²Full-time workers usually work 35 or more hours per week.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Current Population Survey earnings microdata file.

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Appendix table 7—Real earnings per nonfarm job, by place of work, 1990-97

Place of work	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
1997 dollars								
Nonmetro	22,732	22,473	22,860	22,922	22,903	22,739	22,701	22,985
Low-wage	18,187	18,022	18,289	18,376	18,291	18,056	18,082	18,345
Farming	17,372	17,218	17,490	17,628	17,430	17,231	17,169	17,470
Commuting	17,738	17,498	17,761	17,781	17,784	17,517	17,517	17,848
Rural/remote	17,106	16,925	17,213	17,370	17,229	16,967	16,977	17,262
Other	23,073	22,809	23,205	23,268	23,256	23,098	23,055	23,341
Farming	20,136	19,959	20,282	20,437	20,406	20,296	20,271	20,564
Commuting	22,032	21,636	22,005	22,144	22,179	21,991	21,993	22,284
Rural/remote	21,559	21,201	21,540	21,565	21,486	21,237	21,172	21,387
Metro	31,230	30,955	31,872	31,866	31,785	31,946	32,142	32,825
United States	29,814	29,529	30,341	30,338	30,255	30,359	30,521	31,144
Percent								
Change in earnings from previous year:								
Nonmetro	-1.4	-1.1	1.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	1.3
Low-wage	-2.5	-.9	1.5	.5	-.5	-1.3	.1	1.5
Farming	-2.7	-.9	1.6	.8	-1.1	-1.1	-.4	1.8
Commuting	-2.7	-1.4	1.5	.1	.0	-1.5	.0	1.9
Rural/remote	-2.8	-1.1	1.7	.9	-.8	-1.5	.1	1.7
Other	-1.3	-1.1	1.7	.3	-.0	-.7	-.2	1.2
Farming	-1.1	-.9	1.6	.8	-.2	-.5	-.1	1.4
Commuting	-2.3	-1.8	1.7	.6	.2	-.8	.0	1.3
Rural/remote	-2.2	-1.7	1.6	.1	-.4	-1.2	-.3	1.0
Metro	-.0	-.9	3.0	-.0	-.3	.5	.6	2.1
United States	-.2	-1.0	2.7	-.0	-.3	.3	.5	2.0
1997 dollars								
Amount by which earnings lag metro earnings:								
Nonmetro	8,497	8,482	9,012	8,944	8,882	9,207	9,442	9,841
Low-wage	13,043	12,933	13,583	13,489	13,494	13,890	14,060	14,480
Farming	13,858	13,737	14,382	14,237	14,355	14,715	14,973	15,355
Commuting	13,492	13,457	14,112	14,085	14,001	14,430	14,625	14,977
Rural/remote	14,124	14,031	14,659	14,496	14,556	14,979	15,165	15,563
Other	8,156	8,146	8,667	8,598	8,529	8,848	9,088	9,485
Farming	11,094	10,997	11,590	11,428	11,378	11,651	11,872	12,262
Commuting	9,198	9,319	9,867	9,722	9,606	9,955	10,149	10,542
Rural/remote	9,671	9,754	10,332	10,301	10,299	10,709	10,971	11,438
Percent								
Ratio of earnings to metro earnings:								
Nonmetro	72.8	72.6	71.7	71.9	72.1	71.2	70.6	70.0
Low-wage	58.2	58.2	57.4	57.7	57.5	56.5	56.3	55.9
Farming	55.6	55.6	54.9	55.3	54.8	53.9	53.4	53.2
Commuting	56.8	56.5	55.7	55.8	56.0	54.8	54.5	54.4
Rural/remote	54.8	54.7	54.0	54.5	54.2	53.1	52.8	52.6
Other	73.9	73.7	72.8	73.0	73.2	72.3	71.7	71.1
Farming	64.5	64.5	63.6	64.1	64.2	63.5	63.1	62.6
Commuting	70.5	69.9	69.0	69.5	69.8	68.8	68.4	67.9
Rural/remote	69.0	68.5	67.6	67.7	67.6	66.5	65.9	65.2

0 and -.0 = Positive and negative change of less than 0.05 percent.

Note: Previous years' earnings converted to 1997 dollars using the chained-type personal consumption expenditures price index.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Appendix table 8—Persons by income/poverty ratio, by residence, 1998

Income/poverty ratio	Nonmetro	Metro	United States
	Percent		
Less than 50	5.0	5.1	5.1
50-99	9.3	7.2	7.7
100-149	10.9	8.3	8.8
150-199	11.6	8.7	9.2
200-299	21.0	16.9	17.7
300-399	15.9	14.6	14.8
400-499	10.4	11.5	11.3
500 +	15.9	27.7	25.4

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the March 1999 Current Population Survey.

Appendix table 9—Poverty rates by residence, region, and selected characteristics, 1998

Item	Poverty rate		Share of poor	
	Nonmetro	Metro	Nonmetro	Metro
	Percent			
Total	14.3	12.3	100	100
By region:				
Northwest	9.5	12.6	7.2	21.6
Midwest	10.9	10.1	23.3	17.6
South	17.6	12.5	53.5	33.3
West	15.5	13.8	16.0	27.5
By race/ethnicity:				
White, non-Hispanic	11.5	7.2	66.7	40.0
Black, non-Hispanic	29.8	25.2	19.3	27.3
Hispanic	27.4	25.5	9.1	26.9
Native American, non-Hispanic	30.1	18.4	4.0	10.0
By family type:				
Husband-wife headed families	7.8	5.8	37.4	30.3
Female-headed families	36.5	32.7	34.1	40.9
Women living alone	27.6	21.6	14.5	14.5
Men living alone	21.2	16.1	9.7	1.0
By age:				
0-17	20.4	18.5	36.8	39.7
18-64	12.2	10.2	50.9	51.2
65+	12.5	9.1	12.3	9.1
By family employment:				
One or more full-time, full-year workers	6.2	4.3	29.4	25.2
Part-time or part-year worker(s) only	33.9	32.6	34.0	35.4
No family members employed	52.6	60.9	26.0	31.7
No working-age person in family	14.0	11.2	10.6	7.7
By educational attainment (persons age 25 and older only):				
Less than high school graduation	25.6	22.8	44.9	39.1
High school diploma or GED	10.4	10.0	35.3	34.9
Some college or associate degree	7.1	6.3	14.9	17.3
Bachelor's degree or more	3.6	2.9	4.9	8.7

Note: Shares of poor by race/ethnicity and family type do not add to 100 percent because not all categories are included. Work status refers to employment during the entire year.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the March 1999 Current Population Survey.

Appendix table 10—Poverty rates and family income by residence, 1990-98

Year	Nonmetro				Metro			
	Poverty rate	Change from previous year	Median family income	Real change from previous year	Poverty rate	Change from previous year	Median family income	Real change from previous year
	Percent	Percentage point	1998 dollars		Percent	Percentage point	1998 dollars	
1990	16.3	NA	34,920	NA	12.7	NA	46,830	NA
1991	16.1	-.2	34,703	-217	13.7	1.0	45,477	-1,353
1992	16.9	.8	34,357	-346	14.2	.5	45,322	-155
1993	17.2	.3	35,588	1,231	14.6	.4	46,389	1,067
1994	15.8	NA	NA	NA	14.4	NA	NA	NA
1995	15.6	NA	35,041	NA	13.4	NA	45,734	NA
1996	15.9	.3	34,687	-354	13.2	-.2	46,386	652
1997	15.8	-.1	36,238	1,551	12.6	-.6	47,732	1,346
1998	14.3	-1.5	38,006	1,768	12.3	-.3	49,016	1,284

NA = Not applicable.

Notes: Change in the metro status of some counties caused a discontinuity in the 1994 data.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the March Current Population Survey, 1991-99.

Appendix Tables

Appendix table 11—Nonmetro family poverty and family income, by family characteristics, 1998

Item	Poverty rate	Percentage point change, 1997-98	Median income	Dollar change, 1997-98 ¹
	Percent		1998 dollars	
All nonmetro	11.5	-1.3	38,005	1,767
Race of family householder:				
Non-Hispanic White	9.3	-1.0	40,000	1,644
Non-Hispanic Black	26.0	-2.4	25,347	309
Hispanic	24.5	-4.9	24,995	673
Non-Hispanic Asian	15.4	-3.1	49,687	12,731
Non-Hispanic Native American	29.2	5.3	26,678	290
Age of family householder:				
Less than 25	32.9	3.1	20,020	-1,166
25-44	14.6	-1.1	39,170	1,086
45-64	7.2	-2.4	47,049	3,421
65+	7.6	-.2	27,135	582
Education of householder:				
Less than high school	23.3	-1.7	22,602	1,389
High school	11.5	-.6	36,135	795
More than high school	6.0	-.6	48,642	462
Family structure:				
Married couple	7.3	-.7	42,200	1,577
Female single parent	34.6	-2.8	18,448	2,246
Number of working adults:				
0	23.1	-4.3	19,062	1,978
1	17.8	-2.4	28,533	2,073
2	3.8	.6	50,929	1,978
3+	1.3	.2	69,469	-2,129
Number of children under 18:				
None	6.1	.1	38,711	2,151
1	14.6	-1.6	36,000	430
2	13.8	-1.9	39,535	1,884
3	21.5	-5.5	36,920	3,333
4+	40.6	.6	29,610	-12
Region of residence:				
Northwest	7.8	-2.2	44,688	4,701
Midwest	9.0	-.4	42,240	2,608
South	15.3	-.2	34,935	1,730
West	12.2	-2.3	36,200	858

¹Change in real 1998 dollars.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the March Current Population Survey, 1998 and 1999.

Appendix table 12—Work experience of nonmetro working families, by family type and poverty status, 1998

Item	Working poor families			Working nonpoor families		
	Female-headed families	Other families	All families	Female-headed families	Other families	All families
	Percent					
Share of families	45.9	54.1	100	11.8	88.2	100
Share of family income from earnings:						
Less than 20	9.0	9.5	9.2	3.0	3.2	3.2
20-39	10.9	4.7	7.6	4.3	3.4	3.5
40-59	11.1	7.1	9.0	10.1	5.4	5.9
60-79	14.9	6.5	10.4	19.8	10.3	11.4
More than 80	54.1	72.2	63.8	62.8	77.7	76.0
	Dollars					
Median family earnings	5,732	8,000	7,000	22,069	43,482	40,000
Median family income	8,245	9,792	8,815	28,316	49,000	46,200
	Percent					
Share of families	61.1	38.9	100	35.6	64.4	100
Share of family income from assistance:						
Less than 20	27.9	46.8	35.3	77.9	74.6	75.8
20-39	22.3	19.3	21.1	9.2	15.9	13.5
40-59	13.0	10.5	12.0	8.6	9.2	9.0
60-79	4.8	9.4	6.6	1.8	.3	.9
80+	32.0	14.0	25.0	2.5	NA	.8
	Dollars					
Median family assistance	3,120	2,561	2,760	1,800	2,800	2,514

NA = Insufficient number of cases.

Includes only families who received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Supplementary Security Income, or food stamps.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the March 1999 Current Population Survey.

Appendix Tables

Appendix table 13—Employment, earnings and education of nonmetro workers, by family type and poverty status, 1998

Item	Poor workers			Nonpoor workers		
	Female-headed families	Other families	All families	Female-headed families	Other families	All families
Percent						
Share of workers	40	60	100	14.3	85.7	100
Worked:						
Full-time, full year	28.9	40.5	35.9	69.0	70.9	70.6
Part-time, full year	15.4	10.4	12.4	9.8	8.6	8.8
Full-time, part year	32.9	32.6	32.7	14.2	13.9	13.9
Part-time, part year	22.8	16.5	19.0	7.0	6.6	6.7
Dollars						
Median annual earnings	4,048	5,000	4,800	18,000	24,000	22,500
Percent						
Earnings sources:						
Wage and salary	92.3	67.3	77.4	93.8	86.6	87.8
Self-employment	4.2	20.3	13.8	3.5	6.7	6.3
Farm income	.8	8.1	5.2	.2	1.9	1.6
Combinations	2.7	4.3	3.6	2.5	4.8	4.3
Education:						
Less than high school	29.5	27.6	28.3	11.4	11.0	11.1
High school	44.3	43.3	43.7	37.2	41.5	40.9
More than high school	26.2	29.1	28.0	51.4	47.5	48.0

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the March 1999 Current Population Survey.

Appendix table 14—Real per capita income and transfer payments, by residence, 1989-97

	Per capita income			Per capita transfers		
Item	Nonmetro	Metro	Nonmetro/ metro ratio	Nonmetro	Metro	Nonmetro/ metro ratio
	—— 1997 dollars ——		Percent	—— 1997 dollars ——		Percent
1989	17,284	24,418	70.7	3,047	3,035	100.4
1990	17,383	24,509	70.9	3,177	3,147	101.0
1991	17,170	24,067	71.3	3,395	3,358	101.1
1992	17,518	24,366	71.9	3,617	3,591	101.7
1993	17,665	24,501	72.1	3,713	3,682	100.8
1994	17,993	24,845	72.4	3,756	3,721	100.9
1995	18,141	25,457	71.3	3,877	3,828	101.3
1996	18,704	26,124	71.6	3,986	3,908	102.0
1997	19,090	26,861	71.1	4,055	3,950	102.6

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Appendix Tables

Appendix table 15—Per capita income and transfer payments by residence, 1997, and average annual changes in transfer payments,¹ 1989-97

	1997		Average annual change ²			
Item	Income	Share of transfers	1989-97	1989-91	1991-94	1994-97
	Dollars	Percent ³	Percent			
Nonmetro:						
Earnings	11,630	NA	0.86	-1.15	2.02	1.46
Personal income	19,090	NA	1.17	-.32	1.57	2.00
Transfer payments	4,055	100	4.01	5.57	3.45	2.59
Retirement/disability	2,034	50.1	2.03	2.29	1.81	1.92
Social security	1,514	37.3	1.92	2.16	1.84	1.66
Medical	1,421	35.0	7.89	11.79	7.41	4.62
Medicare	788	19.4	6.46	5.04	7.53	6.33
Medicaid	625	15.4	10.18	21.69	7.73	2.78
Income maintenance programs:	364	9.0	4.15	6.74	5.54	.40
Supplemental Security Income	114	2.8	4.97	5.25	7.83	.65
Family assistance ⁴	44	1.1	-4.20	4.57	-2.26	-12.15
Food stamps	74	1.8	.25	11.53	.12	-8.47
Other income maintenance	130	3.2	13.80	4.13	20.27	15.67
Unemployment insurance	79	1.9	7.87	25.54	-4.62	-4.40
Veterans' benefits	104	2.6	-.50	-3.27	-.89	1.17
Other transfer programs	53	1.3	2.72	-5.06	-1.99	8.76
Metro:						
Earnings	18,095	NA	1.13	-1.31	1.26	2.59
Personal income	26,861	NA	1.18	-.72	1.07	2.63
Transfer payments	3,950	100	3.70	5.21	3.51	2.01
Retirement/disability	1,969	49.8	1.95	1.99	1.85	1.86
Social security	1,286	32.6	1.71	1.87	1.75	1.42
Medical	1,421	36.0	6.79	9.51	7.11	3.99
Medicare	780	19.7	5.20	3.70	6.47	5.87
Medicaid	633	16.0	9.08	17.93	8.38	2.06
Income maintenance programs:	361	9.1	3.37	6.95	5.80	-1.64
Supplemental Security Income	108	2.7	5.02	5.47	7.68	1.08
Family assistance ⁴	81	2.1	-2.44	4.58	-.19	-9.10
Food stamps	69	1.7	2.90	16.32	4.96	-9.05
Other income maintenance	103	2.6	9.94	1.89	15.86	11.23
Unemployment insurance	75	1.9	8.62	30.49	-2.47	-9.01
Veterans' benefits	77	2.0	-.68	-2.82	-.89	.73
Other transfer programs	47	1.1	2.80	-3.03	-1.12	6.89

NA = Not applicable.

¹Government transfer payments to individuals (96 percent of all transfer payments). See p. 92 for definition of government transfer programs.

²Change in real 1997 dollars.

³Percentages shown for the major categories sum to 100. Percents for the subcategories may not sum to the category value because only selected programs are included.

⁴Formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children, replaced by Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in 1996.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Appendix table 16—Nonmetro per capita income and transfer payments, by region and selected county types, 1997

County types	Per capita income	Per capita transfers	Transfers as a share of income	Share of transfers from—			Average annual change, 1989-97 ¹
				Retirement disability	Medical programs	Income maintenance programs	
	Dollars			Percent			
All nonmetro	19,090	4,055	21.2	50.1	35.0	9.0	4.0
Region:							
Northeast	21,231	4,315	20.3	50.1	37.2	7.2	4.4
Midwest	19,816	3,789	19.1	53.5	34.4	6.6	3.2
South	18,101	4,248	23.5	47.4	36.7	10.7	4.7
West	19,096	3,866	20.2	52.5	29.5	9.5	3.4
Rural-urban continuum:							
Highly urbanized	20,461	3,977	19.4	51.8	33.4	8.5	4.0
Urbanized	18,694	4,086	21.9	49.6	35.9	9.0	4.0
Totally rural	17,353	4,117	23.7	49.0	35.2	10.1	4.0
Metro adjacency:							
Adjacent	19,297	4,015	20.8	50.7	35.4	8.5	4.0
Nonadjacent	18,830	4,104	21.8	49.6	34.6	9.6	4.0
Other types:							
Retirement-destination	20,199	4,525	22.4	55.2	31.9	7.3	3.6
Persistent-poverty	15,968	4,349	27.2	40.7	38.8	14.6	4.8
Low wage	16,795	4,253	25.3	48.1	36.3	10.2	4.0
Commuting	18,192	3,725	20.5	50.4	35.1	9.2	3.9

Note: See p. 91 and p. 92 for definition of region and ERS county types (typology codes).

¹Change in real 1997 dollars.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis and revised ERS topology codes.

Appendix Tables

**Appendix table 17—Per capita transfer benefits for selected programs, by nonmetro county type, 1997;
change in benefits, 1996-97**

Program	Per capita benefits			Change in benefits, 1996-97		
	All	Low-wage	Persistent poverty	All	Low-wage	Persistent poverty
	1997 dollars			Percent		
Social security	1,514	1,572	1,344	1.80	1.66	1.91
Medicare	788	872	864	3.71	3.66	3.38
Medicaid	625	666	819	1.83	2.14	3.18
Supplemental Security Income	114	131	216	-1.38	-1.81	-1.97
Family assistance	44	37	56	-14.59	-16.76	-12.33
Food stamps	74	89	136	-15.71	-16.12	-14.99
Other income maintenance	130	177	227	8.87	9.99	10.58

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Appendix table 18—Housing of nonmetro and metro households, 1997

Item	All	Metro	Nonmetro		
			All	Low-income	
				Wage-dependent	Not wage-dependent
Thousands					
Number of households	99,487	77,417	22,070	4,265	5,704
Percent					
Physical quality of housing unit:					
Moderately inadequate	5.2	4.9	6.5	10.1	7.6
Severely inadequate	1.8	1.8	1.7	2.7	2.9
Inadequate Total	7.0	6.7	8.2	12.8	10.5
Expensive	29.5	30.8	24.8	47.1	48.0
Crowded	7.5	7.9	5.9	10.4	2.6
Overall quality of house:					
Good	41.8	40.9	45.1	35.4	52.2
Moderate	55.0	55.9	51.7	58.9	45.2
Poor	3.2	3.2	3.2	5.7	2.6
Overall quality of neighborhood:					
Good	40.9	38.5	49.2	42.1	55.0
Moderate	54.0	55.9	47.4	52.0	42.3
Poor	5.1	5.6	3.4	5.9	2.7
Government housing assistance	5.6	5.7	5.1	7.7	6.4
House structure type:					
Single-family detached	62.4	59.6	72.4	52.4	68.9
Mobile home	6.6	4.3	14.6	23.0	14.5
Town house or row house	5.9	7.0	2.0	3.0	2.0
Apartment	25.1	29.1	11.1	21.6	14.6
Tenure:					
Owner-occupied	65.8	63.3	74.7	51.5	73.8
Rented	34.2	36.7	25.3	48.5	26.2
Race/ethnicity - householder:					
White	75.8	72.7	86.7	75.5	85.5
Black	11.9	13.1	7.7	13.3	10.0
Hispanic	8.6	9.9	4.0	7.7	3.1
Other	3.8	4.3	1.7	3.5	1.4
Age of householder:					
Less than 40	47.6	49.2	42.1	64.9	12.5
40 to 64	31.4	31.2	32.0	28.7	21.3
65 or older	21.0	19.6	25.9	6.5	66.2
Married couples:					
Total	53.2	52.2	56.4	36.7	36.0
With children under 18	30.4	30.9	28.8	22.7	5.2
One-person household	25.4	25.5	25.1	29.0	50.2
Single parent	13.2	13.6	11.9	24.5	9.5
Median housing costs as share of income	19.8	20.6	16.9	28.5	26.7
Dollars					
Median annual household income	34,500	36,000	27,200	15,000	9,552
Median monthly housing costs	543	599	362	334	230
Median home value	96,000	105,000	70,000	41,000	60,000
Square feet					
Median living space	1,685	1,750	1,500	1,200	1,312

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the 1997 American Housing Survey, HUD and Census Bureau.

Appendix Tables

Table 19—Housing of low-income nonmetro households by tenure and wage-dependency, 1997

Item	Homeowners		Homeowners with mortgages		Renters	
	Wage-dependent	Other	Wage-dependent	Other	Wage-dependent	Other
Thousands						
Number of households	2,197	4,211	998	669	2,068	1,493
Percent						
Physical quality of housing unit:						
Moderately inadequate	7.9	6.3	6.4	5.3	12.5	11.5
Severely inadequate	2.5	2.6	1.5	1.0	2.9	3.8
Inadequate total	10.4	8.8	8.0	6.3	15.4	15.3
Expensive	40.3	42.8	64.6	78.9	54.3	62.6
Crowded	7.3	1.4	8.0	2.1	13.8	5.9
Overall quality of house:						
Good	43.1	55.2	42.6	55.3	27.4	43.6
Moderate	53.6	42.7	53.9	42.6	64.5	52.2
Poor	3.3	2.0	3.5	2.1	8.1	4.2
Overall quality of neighborhood:						
Good	49.4	56.6	43.2	52.9	34.5	50.6
Moderate	46.0	41.5	47.3	44.2	58.3	44.6
Poor	4.6	2.0	9.5	2.9	7.2	4.8
Government housing assistance	7.8	1.8	17.8	11.2	7.8	19.9
House structure type:						
Single-family detached	66.9	80.4	67.3	77.6	37.0	36.4
Mobile home	31.4	16.8	30.4	20.7	14.0	8.1
Town house or row house	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.3	5.5	4.8
Apartment	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.4	43.5	50.7
Race/ethnicity of householder:						
White	78.3	88.4	81.3	82.8	72.6	77.4
Black	12.3	7.9	12.1	13.0	14.4	15.8
Hispanic	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.8	8.6	4.5
Other	2.6	1.1	2.1	0.4	4.4	2.4
Age of householder:						
Less than 40	49.6	6.6	62.2	15.5	81.1	29.3
40 to 64	39.7	20.6	34.1	39.0	16.9	23.2
65 or older	10.7	72.8	3.7	45.5	2.0	47.5
Married couples:						
Total	44.9	43.5	43.6	54.4	28.1	14.7
With children under 18	26.4	5.3	30.0	11.5	18.7	4.9
One-person household	26.5	46.2	25.9	29.5	31.6	61.3
Single parent	22.6	6.0	24.7	11.0	26.5	19.4
Median housing costs as share of income	25.8	23.4	37.4	46.6	31.8	35.7
Dollars						
Median annual household income	16,000	10,600	16,500	11,064	13,500	7,100
Median monthly housing costs	300	225	506	473	349	247
Median home value	41,000	60,000	50,000	56,500	NA	NA
Square Feet						
Median living space	1,248	1,362	1,280	1,400	1,000	1,024

NA = not applicable

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the 1997 American Housing Survey, HUD and Census Bureau.